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Letter dated 19 April 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

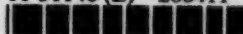
I have the honour to attach hereto, a letter from Shaikh Khalid Bin Ahmed Bin Mohamed Al-Khalifa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain, addressed to Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations (see annex).

Kindly disseminate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Tawfeeq Ahmed Almansoor

Ambassador

Permanent Representative



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I know I share with you the firm belief that a secure and stable environment is an essential foundation for the inclusive, open and comprehensive process of national dialogue among all parts of society, which we in the Kingdom of Bahrain are convinced will provide the most effective means of discussing and addressing all issues in a manner acceptable to all.

The Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain is strongly committed to a political solution to the current situation, which, as you may be aware, has been significantly exacerbated by the active involvement of Hezbollah, a militia that operates freely in Lebanon, outside any Government control, in conducting terrorist activities in violation of several Security Council resolutions. In addition, some foreign countries have actively provided logistical support to Hezbollah to assist in destabilizing Bahrain over recent months. I enclose a detailed report outlining the interference by Hezbollah, which has taken many forms, including:

- Capitalizing on religious events outside Bahrain in order to meet with Bahraini facilitators to plan strategies and operations to destabilize Bahrain from within.
- Military training for Bahraini citizens in Hezbollah camps abroad.
- Executing terrorist acts in Bahrain using the same methods and tactics as Hezbollah.
- Inflammatory and inciting statements by Hezbollah leaders.

The Kingdom of Bahrain strongly condemns such interference in its internal affairs, and is working diligently to address this issue so that it can restore the stability and peace that Bahrain enjoys. I am hopeful that through such measures we can emerge even stronger, more unified and more prosperous.

I have no doubt that your clear and principled support demonstrates unequivocally the role of the United Nations in supporting the endeavours of Member States to uphold stability. I can assure you that the Government of Bahrain will continue to exert every effort to protect all its citizens and residents, while working tirelessly to ensure that the process of reform continues in order to meet the needs and aspirations of all Bahrainis. I look forward to continuing to work with you as we take these essential steps, and send you my sincere thanks, once again, for your important and unflinching support.

I would be grateful if you could circulate the present letter to the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khalid Bin Ahmed Bin Mohamed Al-Khalifa
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Kingdom of Bahrain